

**The Urban District
of
HALTEMPRICE**

Annual Report

**of
THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and
THE SANITARY INSPECTORS**

For the Year ended 31st December,

1948

THE URBAN DISTRICT OF HALTEMPRICE.

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J. M. HERMON, M.D., C.M.

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MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1948.

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June, 1949.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban
District Council of Haltemprice.

I have the honour to present to you a Report for the year 1948, upon the Health and Sanitary conditions of Haltemprice, in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health Circular 3/49 (England).

1.—STATISTICS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(a) Area in acres	....	....	....	....	9,026
(b) Registrar General's estimation of resident population in middle of 1948	....	....	....	....	35,370
(c) Number of inhabited houses end of 1948 according to Rate Books (estimated)	....	....	....	....	10,319
(d) Rateable value at end of 1948	..	....	....	....	£203,060
(e) Sum represented by a Penny Rate	....	....	....	....	£812/11/7

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Live Births numbered 511, being :—

Males.	Females.
250	261

Of these births 9 males and 5 females were illegitimate.

This gives an annual Birth Rate of 15.4, compared with 17.2 for the year 1947, and 17.9 for the whole of England and Wales for the year 1948.

Still Births numbered 5, being :—

			Males.	Females.
Legitimate	....	....	3	2
Illegitimate	....	....	0	0

This gives an annual Still Birth Rate of 0.14, compared with 0.31 for the year 1947 and 0.42 for the whole of England and Wales for 1948.

Deaths numbered 318, being made up of 171 males and 147 females. (339 in 1947). This gives an annual Death Rate of 9.0 for the year, compared with 9.7 for the year 1947 and 10.8 for the whole of England and Wales for the year 1948.

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	....	....	1
Deaths from other Puerperal causes		....	0
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	....	....	21
being 15 males and 6 females (all legitimate) giving an <i>Infant Mortality Rate</i> of 41.1 for the year, compared with 41.4 for the year 1947 and 34 for the whole of England and Wales for the year 1948.			
Deaths from Cancer	....	....	65
being 42 males and 23 females (in 1947 the number was 55).			
Deaths from Measles	....	....	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough	....	....	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	....		1
(as against 5 for 1947) giving a death rate of 2.0 compared with 3.3 for England and Wales for 1948.			

NOTE.—Live and Still Birth and Death Rates are quoted relative to per 1,000 total population, whilst Infant Mortality Rate and Infantile Death Rates are relative to per 1,000 live births.

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES during the year 1948.

Disease.	Total Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	37	20	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (Para Typhoid)	1	0	0
Pneumonia	7	0	8
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	1	1
Whooping Cough	107	16	0
Measles	364	18	0
Erysipelas	2	0	0
Acute Polio-Encephalitis	0	0	0
Acute Polio-Myelitis	2	2	0
*Dysentery (Mental Institution)	13	0	0

4.—TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years								
0 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1 ...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
5 ...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
15 ...	4	2	...	1	...	...	...	...
25 ...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
35 ...	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	1
45 ..	...	2	...	...	1	2	...	...
55 ...	2	1	...	...	1	1	...	...
65 and upwards	...	2	...	...	1	2	...	...
Totals ...	13	10	1	2	4	6	0	1

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

Year.	New Cases.	Deaths.
1945	35	11
1946	38	14
1947	26	15
1948	26	11

* These cases all occurred in the De-la-Pole Hospital and were all treated there.

5.—CAUSES OF DEATH, 1948.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	MALES.	FEMALES.
1 Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	0	0
2 Cerebro-spinal fever	0	0
3 Scarlet fever	0	0
4 Whooping cough	0	0
5 Diphtheria	0	0
6 Tuberculosis of respiratory system....	4	6
7 Other forms of tuberculosis....	0	1
8 Syphilitic diseases	2	0
9 Influenza	0	1
10 Measles	0	0
11 Ac. polio-myel. and polio-enceph....	0	0
12 Ac. inf. enceph.	0	0
13 Cancer of buc. cav. and œsph. (M) uterus (F)....	5	2
14 Cancer of stomach and duodenum ...	7	5
15 Cancer of breast	0	4
16 Cancer of all other sites	30	12
17 Diabetes	0	4
18 Intra-cranial vascular lesions	21	25
19 Heart disease....	42	46
20 Other disease of circulatory system.	5	3
21 Bronchitis	6	3
22 Pneumonia	6	2
23 Other respiratory diseases	2	1
24 Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	4	1
25 Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	0	1
26 Appendicitis	0	2
27 Other digestive diseases	2	3
28 Nephritis	5	7
29 Puerperal and post-abortion. sepsis	0	1
30 Other maternal causes	0	0
31 Premature birth	7	2
32 Con. mal. birth inj. infant. dis.	4	3
33 Suicide	3	0
34 Road traffic accidents	2	1
35 Other violent causes....	0	3
36 All other causes	14	8
All Causes	171	147

6.—DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

There has been no interruption in the method which has been carried out during the past few years—the same four centres being used. Numbers of children under 12 months coming up have increased and a large percentage of children over five years of age have had the appropriate “boosting” dose. In my opinion the child population of the area is well protected.

7.—INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Measles and Scarlet Fever—both of mild type—have been scattered throughout the district during every month of the year—the 5 to 7 or 8 years old being the principal sufferers. The figures are swollen by the congregation in various hostel camps of considerable numbers of young children from overseas, principally India and the continent of Europe. There have been no deaths.

8.—WATER SUPPLY.

This remains in practically the same condition as reported in previous Annual Reports. With the exception of some outlying farms and occasional houses, a piped distribution is made to 98% of the dwellings throughout the whole area. Towards the end of the year there was a shortage to a few houses in Cottingham. This was due to the drought which was prevalent all over the country. Inconvenience to residents occurred, but there was no illness which could be attributed to the deficiency. The quality of the water, supplied by Hull Corporation and chlorinated at the local pumping stations, is first class.

(Recently the Council has issued an order prohibiting the use of hose pipes for car washing and watering of gardens).

9.—DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The Main Drainage facilities for the District are of the highest priority, and if the pre-war rate of development is to be faced it is vital that progress be urged forward to a maximum degree. During the past year the following progress has been made :—

(a) MAIN DRAINAGE :

(1) *The Joint Main Drainage Scheme—Hull and Haltemprice.*

Formal application was made to the Ministry of Health for Loan Sanction to the first stage, which included the pumping station and outfall sewer. A Public Inquiry was held and Loan Sanction promised for the work. Contracts for these works are now well advanced, while tenders for the pumps, screens and penstocks are now being invited.

(b) SEWERAGE AT DUNSWELL :

The discussions for this work resulted in a Joint Scheme with the Beverley Rural District Council. Formal submission for Loan Sanction has been made to the Ministry of Health by each Authority, and also the County Authority for grants, but no decisions have yet been made.

10.—AMBULANCE SERVICE.

This has been well maintained by whole-time ambulances stationed at Hessle, Cottingham and Beverley—all now controlled by the County Authority.

11.—RODENT AND MOSQUITO CONTROL.

These have been carried out throughout the year—the “ratting” especially being an all round the year job, and provides full-time work for one man.

12.—HOUSING.

This still constitutes one of the Council's major anxieties, as there are still over 2,100 applicants on the waiting list. During the year 154 houses were built by the Authority, and the work is still being energetically carried on at three different sites.

My thanks are due to the Sanitary Inspectors, who have carried out their duties faithfully and well, and I am grateful to the members of the Council, especially those acting on the Health Committee, for their unfailing kindness and support.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. HERMON, M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY INSPECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban
District Council of Haltemprice.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

We have the honour to present to you our Annual Report shewing the work carried out by the Sanitary Department during the year ending December 31st, 1948.

COMPLAINTS.

During the year 428 complaints were received with respect to the following matters :—

Defective or choked drains	....	....	....	....	97
Defective water closets	....	....	....	....	32
General defects re housing	....	....	....	....	139
Miscellaneous	....	....	....	....	39
Defective dustbins	....	....	....	....	10
Rats present	....	....	....	....	111
					428

INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.

Houses and premises inspected....	....	....	....	462
Houses and premises re-inspected	....	....	....	904
Miscellaneous visits	....	....	....	1180
Visits to works in progress	....	....	....	374
Visits to slaughter-houses	....	....	....	231
Visits to dairies, cowsheds and milkshops	....	....	....	40
Visits to bakehouses	....	....	....	3

Visits to schools	6
Visits to workshops	4
Visits to factories	37
Visits re cases of infectious disease	39
Disinfection after cases of infectious disease....	28
Drains inspected	433
Drains tested with smoke or water	48
Visits to premises re storage of petroleum	11
Visits re conversion of privies to w.c's.	108
Food Inspection	104
Shops visited	12
Visits to refuse tips	11
Visits re overcrowding	12
Rat destruction	130
Visits re sale of ice-cream	11
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	4,188
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NOTICES SERVED.

Informal Notices ...	760
Statutory Notices under Section 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936 ...	1
Statutory Notices under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936 ...	30
Statutory Notices under Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936 ...	62
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	853
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SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT.

DRAINS.

Repaired, cleansed, etc.....	77
New provided	0
Relaid	3
New gullies fixed....	3

WATER CLOSETS.

New pans fixed....	....	....	....	....	...	31
New W.C.'s installed	....	....	....	....	....	0
Cisterns repaired	....	....	....	....	....	30
New cisterns fixed	....	....	....	....	....	1
Floors, roofs and walls repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	16
Privies converted to W.C.'s	....	....	....	....	....	18
Soil pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	....	2
New soil pipes provided....	....	....	....	....	....	0

SINKS AND BATHS.

New provided	....	....	....	....	....	0
New waste pipes provided	....	....	....	....	....	2
Waste pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	....	4

R.W. PIPES.

Repaired	....	....	....	....	....	10
Renewed	....	....	....	....	....	4

WATER SUPPLY.

Cisterns repaired....	....	....	....	....	....	11
Pumps repaired	....	....	....	....	....	1
Water supplies laid on	....	....	....	....	....	0
Service pipes repaired	....	....	....	....	....	10
Pumps abolished	....	....	....	....	....	0

YARD PAVING, ETC.

Yards paved	....	....	....	....	....	0
Paving repaired	....	....	....	....	....	6
Yards cleansed	....	....	....	....	....	0

DUST RECEPTACLES.

Provided	....	....	....	....	....	255
New privy pails provided	....	....	....	....	....	9

DAMPNESS.

Roofs repaired	....	....	....	....	....	64
Eaves gutters provided	....	....	....	....	....	4
Eaves gutters repaired	....	....	....	....	....	68
Walls rendered or pointed	....	....	....	....	....	23
Ventilation provided under floors	....	....	....	....	....	0

GENERAL REPAIRS, ETC.

Walls repaired	....	....	....	....	....	12
Windows repaired	....	....	....	....	....	37
House floors repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	27
Ranges repaired	....	....	....	....	....	24
Ceilings repaired	....	....	....	....	....	31
Animals removed	....	....	....	....	....	0
Accumulations removed	....	....	....	....	....	5
Rooms ventilated	....	....	....	....	....	0
Wall plaster repaired	....	....	....	....	....	57
Additional windows provided	....	....	....	....	....	0
Doors repaired or renewed	....	....	....	....	....	13
Obstructive buildings removed	....	....	....	....	....	0
Sash cords renewed	....	....	....	....	....	3
Rooms cleansed	....	....	....	....	....	0
Windows made to open	....	....	....	....	....	0
Miscellaneous	....	....	....	....	....	58

SHOPS ACT—1934.

As a result of the routine visits made to various shops in the district no infringements, as far as sanitary accommodation was concerned, were found.

The majority of shops in the district are of the family type, and for this reason the persons serving in the shops usually are members of the family of the shopkeeper.

In all cases of the larger shops adequate accommodation was provided.

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

	No. Inspected.	No. of Inspections
(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) and the number of inspections made	211	462
(2) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925, and the number of inspections made	—	—

(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	5
(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	211
2.	REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.	
	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ...	152
3.	ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.	
	A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	—
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices :	
	(a) By owners	—
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	—
	B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied....	92
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices :	
	(a) By owners	56
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	29
	C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	4
(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	1

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	....	....	....	....	1
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	....	....	....	....	—

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936.—OVERCROWDING.

A.	(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	....	....	....	16
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	...			17
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	....			131½
B.	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	....	....	....	3
C.	(ii) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	....	....	....	3
	(iii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	....	....	....	22
D.	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	....			—
E.	The above figures show the known cases of overcrowding, but it is felt that many other cases actually exist because of the high number of applicants for re-housing in this district.				

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS.

At the end of the year the Register, kept in accordance with the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, shewed the following :

Retail Purveyors of Milk	....	....	....	21
Number of Cowkeepers	....	....	....	59
Number of premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926	....	....	....	80

FOOD INSPECTION.

The table below shews the number of carcasses, including organs, of animals inspected :—

Bovines	1,249
Sheep	2,560
Pigs	108
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				3,917
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The table below shews the quantity of meat and other foods found on inspection to be diseased, unsound or unfit for human food and which was subsequently surrendered by the owner for destruction :—

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle including Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number inspected	1,249	2,560	108
All diseases except Tuberculosis :			
Whole carcasses condemned	8	4	4
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	417	57	59
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	34.2%	2.4%	58.3%
Tuberculosis only :			
Whole carcasses condemned	15	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	184	—	—
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with Tuber- culosis	16.1%	—	—

Total weight of condemned Fresh Meat was 20,703 lbs.

„ „ „ Chilled „ „ 601 lbs.

Other foodstuffs inspected and condemned during the year are as follows :—

Corned Beef	....	....	379 $\frac{1}{4}$	lbs
Corned Mutton	....	....	78	lbs.
Bacon	....	....	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	lbs
Tinned Meats	....	....	13	tins.
Fresh Fish	....	....	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	stones.
Tinned Fish	....	....	5	tins.
Fish Paste	....	....	378	jars.
Tinned Mussels	....	....	578	tins.
Tinned Soup	....	....	3	tins.
Tinned Vegetables	....	....	41	tins.
Tinned Tomatoes	....	....	921	tins.
Pickles	....	....	62	jars.
Sauce	....	....	5	tins.
Tinned Fruits	....	....	29	tins.
Dried Fruits	....	....	155	lbs.
Tinned Milk	....	....	116	tins.
Wheat Flakes	....	....	337	pkts.
Rye-Crisp Bread	....	....	1	case.
Turkey	....	....	1	tin.
Jam and Marmalade	....	....	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.
Chocolate	....	....	18	ozs.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

All the slaughtering, excepting in cases of emergency, is carried out in the Government Controlled Slaughterhouse. Routine meat inspection is made, and with regard to emergency slaughtering, this department is notified by the slaughterhouse manager or slaughterman immediately following. Periodical limewashing of slaughterhouses and lairs is carried out. The total number of licensed slaughterhouses on the register is eight.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

The total number of Factories and Workplaces now on the Register is :—

Factories (power)	....	....	....	....	54
Factories (no power)	....	....	....	....	29
Workplaces	....	....	....	....	—
					—
					83
					—

The Sanitary Conveniences in connection with the above were found to be satisfactory, excepting in 3 cases, all of which have been remedied.

HOUSE REFUSE AND NIGHTSOIL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The collection of house refuse throughout is undertaken by direct labour, and is under the control of the Engineer's Department.

Mechanical transport is used throughout the District, and a weekly collection is made.

All house refuse in the three Wards is disposed of in the following manner :—

COTTINGHAM WARD—Controlled tipping into the Cross Roads Pit and Bogs Tip, Cottingham.

CENTRAL ,, To either Cottingham or Hessle.

HESSLE ,, Controlled tipping on Tip near the Humber Bank.

All the above tipping sites are in open areas at considerable distances from population areas and have proved satisfactory.

DISINFECTION.

Disinfections were carried out at premises after every case of Infectious Disease, and bedding, etc., was, by special arrangements, disinfected at the Hull Corporation's Disinfecting Station.

We are, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

HILARY STEELE,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

F. RHODES,

Sanitary Inspector.



